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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Held at CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia
2 November 1973

1. The seventy-fourth meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee of the United States Intelligence Board Security Committee was held between 0930 and 1050 hours on 2 November 1973 in Room 4E-64, CIA Headquarters Building. In attendance were:

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Mr. Frank M. Machak, State Alternate

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Major Garry G. Miller, Army Alternate
Mr. Carl R. Lambert, Navy Member
Captain Frederick R. Tucker, Air Force Member

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Mr. John H. Skaggs, FBI Member
Mr. James M. Mastrovito, Treasury/USSS Alternate

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2.   The security level of the meeting was TOP SECRET SI/TK.

3.   Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 25 May 1973 Subcommittee Meeting (M-73) were approved as written.

4.   Intelligence Community Policy for the Sanitization of Computer Storage Media: The Chairman related that the Air Force was desirous of having the paper, "Procedures for Sanitization of Magnetic Storage Media" published as soon as possible. The Chairman suggested that the paper be published as a stand alone document entitled, "Intelligence Community Policy for the Sanitization of Magnetic Storage Media". Discussion ensued as to whether the paper would apply to all magnetic storage media or only to computer magnetic storage media. It was agreed that the paper should be published as titled and its scope would include all magnetic storage media, analog and/or digital. The Chairman indicated that since coordination of the present draft had been all but completed, he felt that the paper could be edited by 12 November and in the hands of Subcommittee members shortly thereafter. He indicated that the paper should be fully coordinated within two weeks following distribution to the Subcommittee.

5.   Intelligence Community Policy Paper on Computer Security: The NSA representative informed the Subcommittee that his Agency had drafted a proposed National Communications Security Plan for Computer Systems which might serve as a basis for the policy paper. The Chairman welcomed use of the Plan's contents but indicated that the Intelligence Community Policy Paper needed a different approach. The Chairman designated a four-man task team to come up with a draft of the paper by 15 January 1974. He named the CIA Member as task team chairman with representatives from DIA, Army and NSA.

6.   New Business:

a.   Threat Analysis: The Chairman intro- duced the idea of updating the Subcommittee's

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earlier report relating to the actual threat to Community computer systems produced in September 1970. The NSA Member indicated that he had been tasked to assist in an evaluation of the security vulnerabilities of COINS and that this would coincide with his planned efforts in this regard. The DIA Member indicated that DIA has an immediate concern in this area and is working on a similar report. The Air Force Member stated that his organization has just published a paper concerned with threats to ADP equipments which cites actual efforts by the Sino-Soviet Bloc to exploit same. Copies will be made available to Subcommittee members. The Subcommittee agreed that it would be worthwhile to update the earlier report and the Chairman requested members to begin collecting data for inclusion in an updated computer threat analysis.

b. Sanitized Version of DCID No. 1/16: The Chairman indicated that the sanitized version of DCID No. 1/16 has been presented to the USIB Security Committee and has been placed on the agenda for its 13 November meeting.

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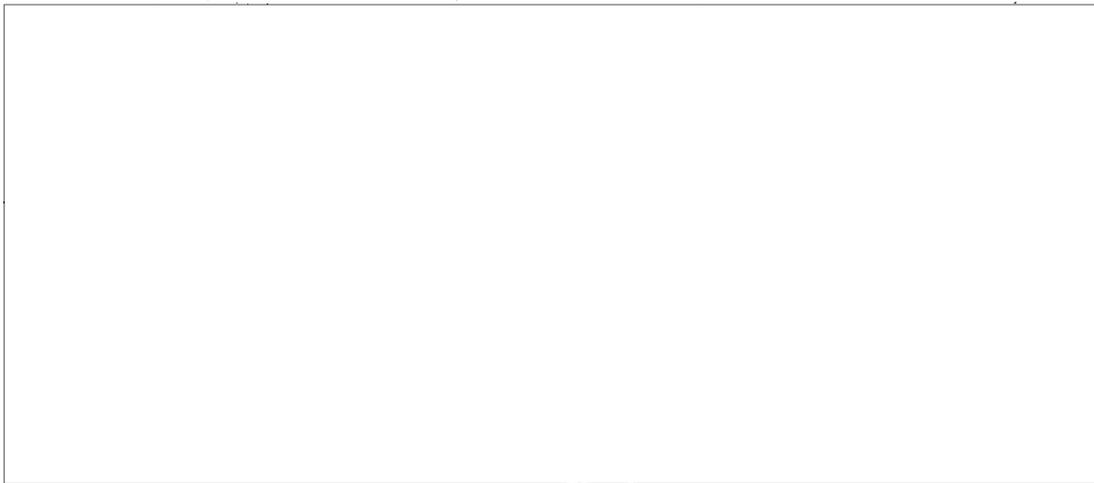
Chairman
Computer Security Subcommittee

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